

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
AGENDA**

**Lumpkin County Courthouse
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, Georgia**

**September 10, 2009
10:00 A.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Sheriff's Office Request
- Yahoola Park & Trails Opening Dates/Format
- BOC Front Office Set Up
- BOC to Employee Conversation/Request/Dialogue
- BOC Retreat
- BlueCross/Blue Shield Amend & Renew Group Master Contract Number1007503

IV. ADJOURN

Chairman Raber

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

September 10, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Lumpkin County Courthouse. John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden and Clarence Stowers were present. Commissioner Grindle was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Scott made a motion that the agenda be amended to include a request by the American Legion Post for a quit claim deed and Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority to discuss the SPLOST program. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff's Office Request

The Detention Center's control board/panel is not operating correctly and needs to be replaced. The approximate cost for a new control system, cameras, DVR recorders, etc. will range from \$95,000.00 to \$120,000.00. The Sheriff's Office has requested permission to use funds brought in from revenues once the detention centers obligation of \$320,000.00 for 2009 is met.

After discussion it was determined an engineer should evaluate the problems. SPLOST Manager, Mr. Kevin Hamby, Clough Harbor & Associates LLC, who was in attendance stated that he had been to the detention center this morning and stated that an initial evaluation would be included in his scope of work with the locks for the Judicial Center. Mr. Hamby said he would look further into the problems and report back to the Board at the September 17th meeting.

Yahoola Park & Trails Opening Dates/Format

Chairman Raber stated that he has been in contact with Chamber of Commerce President Amy Booker regarding the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies. The date has been set for October 2, 2009.

BOC Front Office Set Up

Commissioner Scott said he would like to see a person in the front area to greet people. Commissioners Stowers and Bowen stated the arrangement of the front office was up to the County Manager.

BOC to Employee Conversation/Request/Dialogue

Commissioner Bowden would like board members to be able to address employees directly to get answers to questions. Chairman Raber said any board member should be able to speak directly to an employee. County Manager Stan Kelley told the Board to be aware all employees don't have all the details.

Motion: Commissioner Bowden made a motion to allow members of the Board of Commissioners to be able to ask questions of county employees to clarify information. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott. Commissioners Scott and Bowden approved the motion. Commissioner Stowers voted against. Motion carried.

BOC Retreat

Commissioner Scott said he would like the Board to plan another retreat. Board members will check their calendars for possible dates.

BlueCross/Blue Shield Amend & Renew Group Master Contract Number 1007503

Human Resource Director Fran Sullen explained the only change to the renewal is in the billing for vision coverage.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the amended BlueCross/Blue Shield Contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott. Commissioners Scott, Bowden and Stowers approved the motion. Motion carried*

American Legion Post

County Attorney Horne gave a brief history of the American Legion property. The original Legion property was given to them just after WWII. The deed contains a clause that if the Legion ever ceases to exist, the property will go to Lumpkin County to be used for the good of the community. On the several occasions the Legion has sold property from the original tract, the proceeds have been used primarily for the purpose of acquiring additional land, or for funding a community activity, normally with emphasis on a community youth activity. The Legion desires to sell and has a willing purchaser to buy the bottom area next to the WalMart entry. The present purchaser's title insurance company has requested a quit claim deed from the county of its possible future right to enter the property. If the county elects to grant this quit claim deed, the county is not warranting or guaranteeing any title to the land, but is giving up any future claim under the terms of the original deed. Mr. Ralph Jones, for the American Legion Post, has asked the Board to consider executing a quit claim deed.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute a quit claim deed of any future County interest in the tract of the American Legion Property as presented, including prior sales. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott. Commissioners Scott, Bowden and Stowers approved the motion. Motion carried*

Lumpkin County Water & Sewage Authority

LCWSA Director Dudley Owens asked the Board for reconsideration of the SPLOST Program that was approved on 8/20/2009. The Authority has applied for an \$800,000.00 grant that requires a 30 % match.

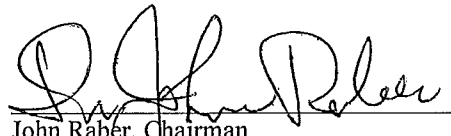
After discussion it was agreed that SPLOST Program Manager Kevin Hamby should meet with the LCWSA and submit a report back to the Board.

ADJOURN

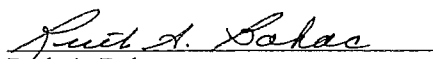
There being no further business Chairman Raber called for a motion to adjourn.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden and Stowers. Motion carried.*

9/17/2009
Date


John Raber, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County